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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CGEN,UR,US(MCLEAN, ROBER ALEXANDER)

SUBJECT: CUSTOMS CONFISCATION

REF: MOSCOW 694, 695

1. IN CUSTOMS DEVELOPMENT MADE KNOWN AFTER DISPATCH OF REFTELS, EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER FORM ROBERT ALEXANDER MCLEAN, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, COMPLAINING OF SERIOUS CUSTOMS INCIDENT.

2. AFTER THREE WEEKS' RESEARCH IN MOSCOW, LENINGRAD AND KIEV, (LAST STAGE OF 5-YEAR RESEARCH PROJECT ON POET V. XLEBNIKOV), MCLEAN WAS STOPPED AT SOVIET CUSTOMS, YBORG. AT END OF ONE- AND A-HALF-HOUR SEARCH, SOVIET CUSTOMS CONFISCATED THREE CARTRIDGES COLOR FILM, ALL RESEARCH NOTES, TEXTS, XEROXED MATERIAL, BIBLIOGRAPHIC INDEX CARDS, RESEARCH PHOTOGRAPHS, AND OTHER PERSONAL DOCUMENTS.

3. CUSTOMS INFORMED MCLEAN THAT THEY WOULD DEVELOP HIS PICTURES BY COLOR PROCESSING AND IF ALL WORK WAS VERIFIED BY LENING LIBRARY, ALL MATERIALS WOULD BE MAILED BACK TO HIM. MCLEAN AND EMBASSY NOT SANGUINE ABOUT THIS POSSIBILITY WITHOUT POSITIVE EMBASSY ACTION.

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4. EMBASSY PLANS INITIATE EFFORT TO RECOVER MATERIAL FROM  
SOVIET CUSTOMS.

IN ADDITION, CONSOFF PLANS RAISE ISSUE AT EARLIEST CONVENIENT  
OPPORTUNITY AT MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION.

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